



# Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

## Decisions

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Thursday, November 7, 2019

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

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### INTRODUCTION

### DECISION ITEMS

1.     **\*\* G004/M-19-273**                   **Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,  
a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**

In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Adjustment True-up Report for 2018, 2019 Revenue Requirement and Revised Adjustment Factors

1. Should the Commission approve Great Plains' request to suspend its GUIC rider effective January 1, 2020?
2. Should the Commission approve Great Plains' request to move rider costs as of December 31, 2019 into interim rates, effective January 1, 2020?
3. Should the Commission approve Great Plain's request for authorization to file a GUIC true-up in Spring 2020 for any under- or over-recovered costs in its GUIC tracker account as of December 31, 2019? (PUC: **Bartusch**)

**Attachments:**     [Briefing Papers](#)

**Approved request to suspend GUIC rider.**

2.     **\*\* G004/GR-19-511**                   **Great Plains Natural Gas Co.**

In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota.

Should this filing be accepted? If so, should the proposed rates be suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? (PUC: **Bartusch, Alonso, Bender, Schwieger, Krishnan, Bonnett, Bruce**)

**Attachments:**     [Briefing Papers](#)

**Accepted filing, suspended rates, referred case to OAH, and approved interim rates.**

3.     **\* G004/MR-19-512**                   **Great Plains Natural Gas Co.,  
a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., to Establish a New Base Cost of Gas and Reset the Purchased Gas Adjustment to Zero, to Coincide with the Implementation of Interim Rates in its General Rate Case Filing, in Docket No. G-004/GR-19-511.

Should the Commission approve Great Plains' new base cost of gas? (PUC: **Bartusch**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers](#)

**Approved base cost of gas.**

**4. \* IP7009/CN-19-351; Elk Creek Solar, LLC  
IP7009/GS-19-495**

In the Matter of the Application of Elk Creek Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 80 MW Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, Minnesota;  
In the Matter of the Application of Elk Creek Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 80 MW Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need application as substantially complete and authorize review using the Commission's informal process or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings?
2. Should the Commission accept the site permit application as substantially complete and authorize review under the alternative permitting process?
3. Should the Commission direct that the certificate of need and site permit applications be processed jointly (i.e., joint public information meetings, joint public hearings, and an environmental assessment in lieu of an environmental report)?
4. Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force for the siting of the proposed solar energy generating system?
5. What actions should the Commission take concerning the public hearing process and procedures?
6. Should the Commission vary the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the applications? (PUC: **Kaluzniak**)

**Attachments:** [Briefing Papers and Attachment](#)

**Accepted applications as substantially complete; established process for public meetings, hearings, and review; granted rule variance; established administrative guidance.**

**5. \*\* E002,ET6675/TL- Xcel Energy;  
17-185 ITC Midwest LLC**

In the Matter of the Route Permit issued to Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest, LLC for the Huntley Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

Should the Commission authorize the Minor Alteration requested by the permittees? If

so, what conditions, if any, should be placed on the Minor Alteration? (PUC: DeBleeckere)

**Attachments:**    [Briefing Papers](#)

**Authorized minor alteration with conditions.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.**

**\*\* Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)**

**Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets**